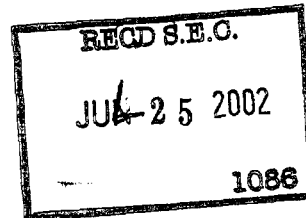


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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, The St. Paul Companies, Inc., Equity Units. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on July 25, 2002. Tentative listing date - July 26, 2002.

Sincerely,

*Paras Mehta*